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U.S. Patents

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 3,855,638 issued 12-24-1974 to Pilliar
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 4,818,559 issued 04-04-1989 to Hama et al.
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,133,771 issued 07-28-1992 to Duncan et al.
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,441,537 issued 08-15-1995 to Kenna
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 5,443,523 issued 08-22-1995 to Mikhail
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 5,569,308 issued 10-29-1996 to Sottosanti
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 5,603,338 issued 02-18-1997 to Beaty
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 5,665,118 issued 09-09-1997 to LaSalle et al.
- (9) U.S. Patent No. 5,658,338 issued 08-19-1997 to Tullos et al.
- (10) U.S. Patent No. 5,665,121 issued 09-09-1997 to Gie et al.
- (11) U.S. Patent No. 5,650,108 issued 07-22-1997 to Nies et al.
- (12) U.S. Patent No. 5,702,448 issued 12-30-1997 to Buechel et al.
- (13) U.S. Patent No. 5,723,011 issued 03-03-1998 to Devanathan et al.
- (14) U.S. Patent No. 5,711,763 issued 01-27-1998 to Nonami et al.
- (15) U.S. Patent No. 5,876,453 issued 03-02-1999 to Beaty
- (16) U.S. Patent No. 5,868,796 issued 02-09-1999 to Buechel et al.
- (17) U.S. Patent No. 5,876,454 issued 03-02-1999 to Nanci et al.
- (18) U.S. Patent No. 6,008,432 issued 12-28-1999 to Taylor

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Foreign Patents

(19) PCT International Patent Application No. WO 97/16137, published 05-09-1997.

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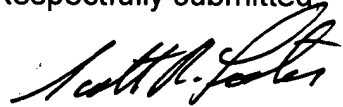
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